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APPLICANT: JANIS VIRBULIS ET AL. - 1 (RCE)
SERIAL NO.: 10/053,446 EXAMINER: M. SONG
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TITLE: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING A SILICON SINGLE CRYSTAL

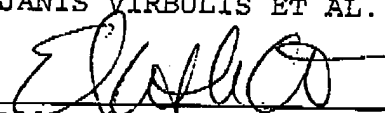
PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) AND RULE 17(a)(3)

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, under Rule 136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2004, for three months, from November 4, 2004 to **FEBRUARY 4, 2005**. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 03-2468 in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a Large Entity. The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fee, or to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-2468.

Respectfully submitted,
JANIS VIRBULIS ET AL. - 1 (RCE)



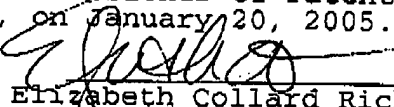
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